

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 remain pending in the present application. Claim 11 is new.

ELECTION OF SPECIES

The Examiner has required an election of species under PCT Rule 13.1 to one of the patentably distinct species:

- A. Figures 1-7;
- B. Figure 8;
- C. Figure 9;
- D. Figure 10.

Applicant; without traverse, respectfully requests the Examiner to proceed with Species A. illustrated in Figures 1-7. Applicant believes the original Claims 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9, as well as new Claim 11 read on the elected species and that at least Claim 1 is generic. Applicant requests that the non-elected Claims be held in abeyance for possible rejoinder and/or further prosecution in future divisional and/or continuation applications.


CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the

Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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